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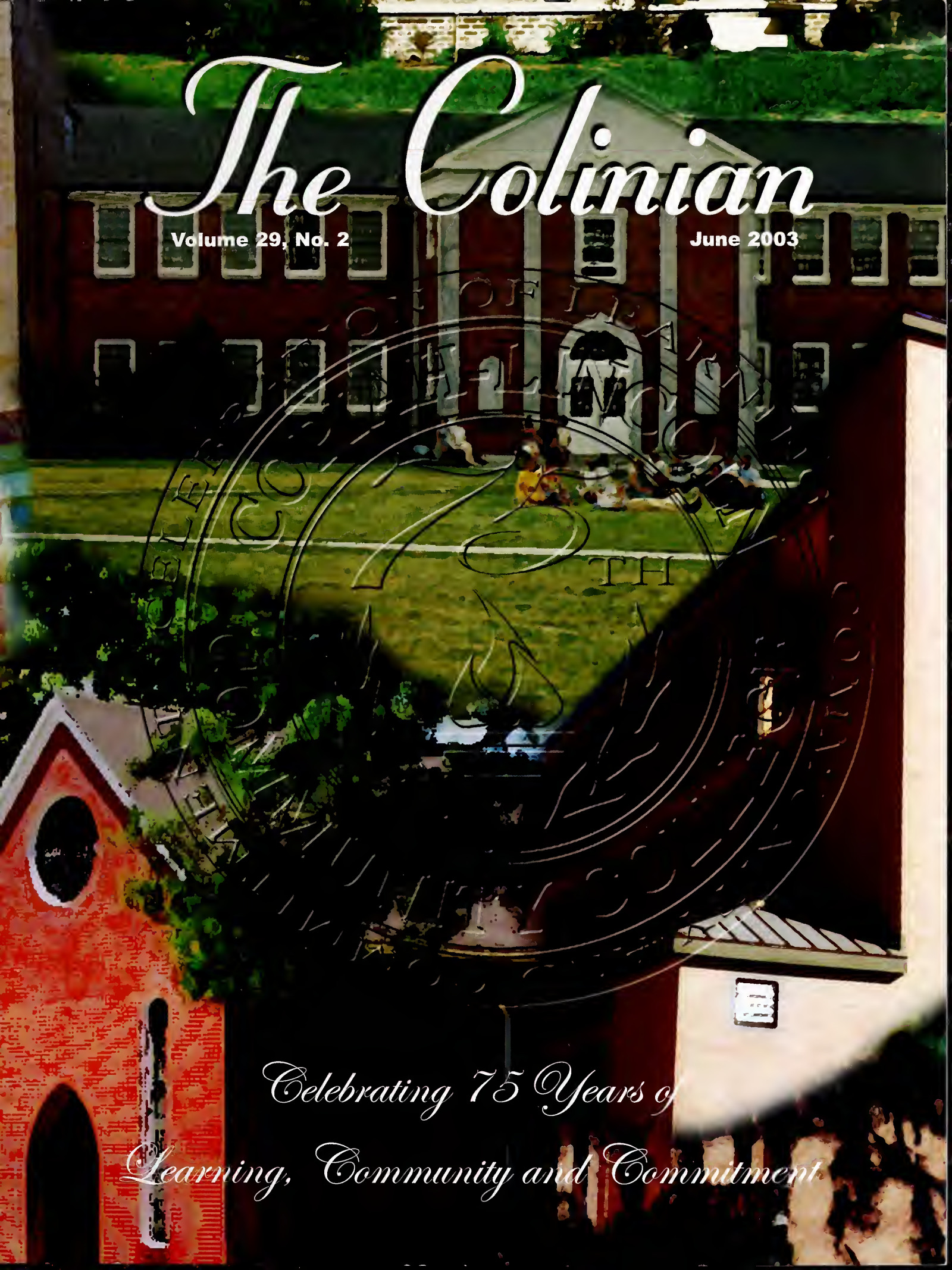

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# President's Message

We are having a GREAT YEAR OF CELEBRATION at Co-Lin, in honor of SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS of a wonderful tradition of educational excellence. We are almost to the half way mark in the year, and it seems like we just began the celebration. Our opening ceremony on February 3, enjoyed by about 400 people who were in attendance, was an outstanding way to start the year of celebration. We were honored with the presence of Governor Ronnie Musgrove and U.S. Senator Thad Cochran on the program. They both had some very kind and complimentary words for the college and its rich heritage. Then, we were especially proud and honored to have Mr. L. Frank Pitts, a 1931 graduate of Co-Lin (the second graduating class!), who came from Dallas, Texas to help us kick off the celebration. It was very special to hear him talk about the early days of the college. He was accompanied by his daughter, Linda Custard, also of Dallas. While they were here, I was pleased and honored to make the announcement of a very generous gift to the college by the Pitts family. Another special guest and speaker for the opening was Dr. Billy B. Thames, President Emeritus. Dr. Thames, who served as president of the college from January 20, 1968 until June 30,1997, shared his perspective as former president, and as father of three children who graduated from Co-Lin. He shared from his bank of memories about the growth of the college and about the "family" atmosphere that had developed over the years. I'm honored to follow someone with such big foot prints in the history of this institution!

Several other events have been held as a part of the celebration, such as the Arbor Day planting of about 20 trees by student organizations on the Wesson Campus and another 20 trees on the Natchez Campus. A special marker donated by Brookhaven Monument Company was placed at each site to commemorate the 75th Anniversary. Both events were very successful in getting great participation of current students in the celebration, and the trees will add great beauty to our campuses!

On Awards Day at Natchez on April 15 and at Wesson on April 16 we had several special presentations to the college. Resolutions congratulating the college on its 75th Anniversary were presented by Dr. Wayne Stonecypher on behalf of the State Board for Community & Junior Colleges and by Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith and Representative Jim Barnett on behalf of the Mississippi Legislature. In addition, General Elton Berry presented a plaque of congratulations on behalf of the Mississippi National Guard. We appreciate all of the support we receive from these groups.

Upcoming Anniversary Events

On **June 5,** Former Members of the Board of Trustees will be recognized and honored by current Board Members.

**October 7**, Reception for Former Co-Lin Most Beautiful Winners

**October 8**, Reception for Retired and Former Co-Lin Employees

**October 10**, (banquet) recognition of three special groups:

- All Members of the Athletic Hall of Fame
- Members of the 854th Medical Collecting Company
- Special Distinguished Alumni Leaders

**October 11**, (breakfast) recognition of All Members of the Foundation Hall of Fame

**October 11**, tailgate party with great food and entertainment – BALLGAME

We are so pleased with the success of the past events and are really excited about the events to come. Let me encourage you to join us for any of the above occasions, especially those where you will be one of the honorees. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Howell C. Garner
President

# Modest gifts can have major impact

By Charlotte Hill, Executive Director Foundation/Alumni Affairs

Many of us share a dream of helping Copiah-Lincoln Community College. We would love to do something that would help the college, to make a significant contribution, but feel that only the rich can afford to make a sizable donation. Through the gifting of life insurance, any individual of moderate means can be a major donor.

Life insurance takes a few dollars a month, and over the long term magnifies that into thousands – or hundreds of thousands – of dollars in proceeds for Copiah-Lincoln. By making small contributions over several years, the power of your gift is paid for on the "installment plan."

In addition to making a heartfelt contribution to a worthwhile cause, gifting life insurance to Co-Lin offers many practical advantages to the donor – possible tax deductions, nominal cost of the transaction, and simplicity. Also, the satisfaction of "giving back" to Copiah-Lincoln Community College.

A gift of life insurance can be made in the following three ways:

*Designate Copiah-Lincoln Community College as Owner and Beneficiary. This method benefits Co-Lin and gives the donor a bonus in the form of income tax benefits. The donor's deduction equals the premium payments, and the policy's value is removed from his/her estate.

*Designate Copiah-Lincoln Community College as Beneficiary. As a policy owner, you retain the right to make changes to the policy including changing the beneficiary. Premium payments with this arrangement are not tax deductible. However, at the donor's death, the estate receives a charitable deduction for the proceeds, as allowed by law.

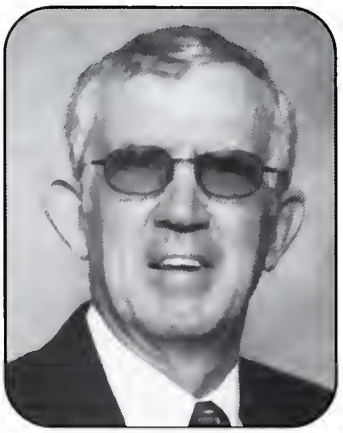
*Donate an existing policy. If you own a policy whose coverage is no longer essential, you may choose to donate it to the Copiah-Lincoln Foundation. You could irrevocably assign or transfer the policy to the CLCC Foundation as owner and beneficiary. This allows for an immediate income tax deduction. If the policy is fully paid, the deduction equals the policy replacement value unless that value exceeds the tax or cost basis. The deduction is limited to cost basis. If there are remaining premiums, the deduction is about the same as the cash surrender value.

With the dramatic reductions in government funding for community colleges, the generosity of Co-Lin alumni and friends is more important than ever. It's true that just one person CAN make a difference. Your support helps continue the good works of a worthwhile endeavor, to keep helpful programs afloat. Charitable giving also enriches our lives, providing the profound sense of satisfaction, of "doing the right thing."

Additionally, a gift of life insurance will qualify you for membership in the Foundation's newly created deferred giving club, The Heritage Society.

For more information on how life insurance may fit into your charitable giving plan, please contact Charlotte Hill, Executive Director Foundation/Alumni Affairs, Copiah-Lincoln Community College Foundation, Post Office Box 649, Wesson, MS 39191; (601) 643-8332.

# Anderson joins foundation board



Ralph E. Anderson of Gulfport will join the Copiah-Lincoln Foundation Board of Directors as an at-large-member July 1, 2003.

Anderson is the owner of Invisible Fence of Southern Mississippi. He retired from BellSouth Telecommunications in 1995.

Anderson is a graduate of Copiah-Lincoln Agricultural High School and Copiah-Lincoln Junior College. He received his B.B.A. from Mississippi State University and M.B.A. from Mississippi College.

An active member of the Gulfport community, Anderson has served as a member of the board for the Orange Grove Council of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Gulf Coast Council of Mississippi Telephone Pioneers, and past president of the Gulfport Orange Grove Rotary.

He is currently a member of the Gulfport Planning Commission and the Gulf Coast Society for Retarded Citizens.

# Celebration of Learning
## 75th Anniversary
# Community & Commitment
Copiah-Lincoln Community College 1928-2003

**Tuesday, October 7**

6:00 p.m . . . . . .Reception for All Former Most Beautiful Winners, TBA

7:00 p.m. . . . . .Trillium Beauty Pageant, Rea Auditorium

**Wednesday, October 8, History Day**

9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m . . . . . .Premiere of 75th Anniversary Video by Mike McIntyre, The Thames Center

2:00 p.m . . . . . .Reception for All Retired/Former Co-Lin Employees and Recognition of All Former Outstanding Instructor and Staff Members, The Thames Center

**Friday, October 10**

12 noon . . . . . .Men's Homecoming Golf Tournament, Wolf Hollow Golf Club

7:00 p.m. . . . . .Banquet Honoring All Former Members of the Co-Lin Athletic Hall of Fame, 854th Medical Collecting Company and Distinguished Alumni Leaders, The Thames Center

**Saturday, October 11**

8:30 a.m. . . . . .Registration and Refreshments, Anderson Building

9:00 a.m. . . . . .Breakfast Honoring All Former Alumni of the Year, Co-Lin Foundation Hall of Fame, Induction of 2003 Hall of Fame, The Thames Center

10:30 a.m . . . . . .Athletic Reunion for All Former Players and Coaches, Mullen Gymnasium

10:30 a.m. . . . . .Reunions

- Class of 1933, Counseling Center, Room 106
- Class of 1943, Student Services, Blue Room
- Class of 1953, Henley Building, Room H-2
- Class of 1963, Wolf Den
- Class of 1973, Student Services, Lobby
- Class of 1983, Anderson Building, Classroom 1
- Class of 1993, Anderson Building, Dining Room

11:30 a.m. . . . . .Tailgate Party with Live Entertainment and Activities for the Kids, Stone Stadium Parking Lot/Charlie Ward Practice Field

11:30 a.m. . . . . .Buffet Lunch, The Thames Center Wolf Hall

12:00 noon . . . . . .75th Anniversary Video by Mike McIntyre, The Thames Center Wolf Hall

2:00 p.m . . . . . .Presentation of the 2003 Homecoming Court, H. L. Stone Stadium

2:30 p.m . . . . . .Football Game Co-Lin Wolves vs. Hinds Eagles, H. L. Stone Stadium

## Literary Hall of Fame Inductee

### *Tricia Walker*

Singer/songwriter Tricia Walker of Nashville is the newest member of Copiah-Lincoln's Literary Hall of Fame. Induction ceremonies were held on April 24 during the college's annual Humanities Reception.

Born and raised in Jefferson County, Mississippi, Tricia has become one of the clearest voices of her own time and place. Her music is steeped in the passion, pain and grace of the American South, influenced as much by the social turbulence of the 1960s as by the R&B, gospel and swing she grew up listening to. She formed her first band at the age of 13, supplementing formal piano training with the time-honored tradition of copying guitar licks from records and radio.

Tricia, a 1972 Co-Lin graduate, earned a music education degree from Delta State University. While working on her master's, she played clubs and festivals in Mississippi and Louisiana. Her growing interest in songwriting led to honors at the Mississippi and American Song Festivals in 1979. She moved to Nashville in 1980 and signed as a staff writer with gospel giant Word, Inc. in 1982. Cuts on Grammy-nominated records by Debby Boone, The Imperials and Kathy Troccoli and Tricia's frequent live performances in Nashville clubs brought her to the attention of producer Jerry Kennedy. She joined his Polygram stable of writers, and had songs recorded by Mel McDaniel, Moe Bandy, Karen Staley, Patty Loveless, Faith Hill and Alison Krauss, who won a Grammy for her performance of Tricia's song, "Looking In The Eyes Of Love."

In 1990, Tricia co-founded Crossfield Music, a publishing and production company where she served as creative director and oversaw a staff of five writers. Her production credits include a diverse collection of styles, including Americana, contemporary Christian, pop, country, and children's music.

Tricia's instrumental skills earned her a spot backing Grand Ole Opry star Connie Smith, with whom she played for six years, and she toured extensively with Paul Overstreet and Shania Twain as a keyboard player and vocalist. She was a member *(Continued on page 18)*

## Economic study shows Co-Lin's impact on district

Copiah-Lincoln Community College has always known what an economic benefit it is to the communities it serves, and now the college can back up those claims. A recent study, conducted by CCBenefits, Inc., of Moscow, Idaho, gives Co-Lin impressive marks for impacting the local economy and contributing to the well being of the communities and its constituents.

College President Dr. Howell Garner said, "We are pleased to have an official study to back up what we already know about the economic impact of Co-Lin and community colleges."

The study reached several conclusions about Co-Lin's ability to stimulate the economy in the district. The existence of Co-Lin explains $127.3 million of all annual earnings in the Co-Lin district. The earnings explained by Co-Lin are equal to that of roughly 4,678 jobs. Co-Lin pays $14.3 million in direct faculty and staff wages and salaries, and explains an additional $113 million in wages and salaries off campus.

Co-Lin generates a good return on investment. Each year students leave Co-Lin and join or rejoin the local workforce. Their added skills translate to higher earnings and a more robust Co-Lin district economy. Taxpayers see a return of 17.6% on their annual investment in Co-Lin and recover all investments in 7.1 years.

The State of Mississippi benefits from improved health and reduced welfare, unemployment, and crime, saving the public some $4.4 million annually.

From the student perspective, Co-Lin increases the earning potential of its students. Students enjoy an attractive 40% annual return on their investment of time and money – for every $1 the student invests in Co-Lin, he/she will receive a cumulative $9.38 in high future earnings over the next 30 years.

For every credit completed Co-Lin students will, on average, earn $113 more per year every year they are in the workforce. Alternatively, for every fulltime year they attend they will earn an additional $3,192 per year.

The CCBenefits study not only researched each of the state's 15 community and junior colleges individually, but also compiled an all-inclusive report on the entire system. CCBenefits, Inc. conducted the study using a national model the company had developed for the Association of Community College Trustees.

# 2003 Hall of Fame inductees

Five outstanding sophomores on Copiah-Lincoln's Wesson campus have been named to the college's Hall of Fame, the highest honor that can be given a Co-Lin student.

During the college's annual Awards Day program, Dr. Howell C. Garner, Co-Lin president announced 2003's Hall of Fame recipients as Chavis L. Bradford of Roxie, Curtney Levorce Gayten of Bogue Chitto, Robert Benjamin Lambert of Monticello, Jessica Kay Phillips of Wesson, and David Duane Russell of Monticello.

**CHAVIS BRADFORD**

Chavis serves as president of the African American Studies Club and vice president of the Student Government Association. Chosen to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, he is a member of the Co-Lin Trailblazers, Sigma Kappa Delta, President's Council, and Future Teachers of America. Selected a campus favorite, he is an English education major.

*2003 Hall of Fame inductees are from left, Curtney Gayten, Chavis Bradford, Jessica Phillips, David Russell and Ben Lambert.*

**CURTNEY GAYTEN**

Curtney was selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. He is a member of the Blue Wave Show Band, Jazz Band, Symphonic Band, and African American Studies Club. Curtney is vice president of publicity for Phi Theta Kappa and was elected Mr. Copiah-Lincoln Community College. He is the recipient of the John "Jack" Johnson Scholarship and is a computer science/math major.

**BEN LAMBERT**

Ben is president of the Alpha Omega Science Club and a two-year member of the award-winning Scholars Bowl Team. He is a member of Sigma Kappa Delta, honorary English fraternity, the President's Council, Phi Theta Kappa, and varsity tennis team. Selected to Who's Who Among *(continued on page 7 )*

## Knight named director of counseling and recruitment

Lea Ann Knight of Wesson has been named Director of Counseling and Recruitment for Copiah-Lincoln Community College's Wesson Campus. She replaces Russell Ray who is retiring after 24 years of service at the college.

As the director of counseling and recruitment, she will coordinate all phases of recruitment activities for the college as well as assist students in developing and making educational plans and decisions that will lead them toward their educational and career goals.

"We are able to move Lea Ann into the director's position and continue the outstanding quality of work in that division of the college. Lea Ann brings several years of valuable experience in the counseling and recruitment division to this position," said Co-Lin President Dr. Howell Garner.

A 1986 graduate of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, Knight earned her B.S. from Mississippi State University and her M.Ed. from the University of Southern Mississippi. She has been a member of the Copiah-Lincoln counseling center staff since 1997.

Prior to Co-Lin, Knight was employed as a counselor with the Moss Point School System, Jackson County Schools and Copiah County Schools.

She currently serves as president of the Magnolia Regional Counseling Association and is a member of the Mississippi Counseling Association, Mississippi Community and Junior College Counseling Association, Association of Career and Technical Education, and the Mississippi Association of Career and Technical Education. At Co-Lin, Knight is a member of the Copiah-Lincoln Educators Association and is co-advisor for the Trailblazer Student Recruitment Team and the Eta Omega Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

Knight and her husband, Phillip, reside in Wesson and are the parents of one daughter, Whitney, a fifth grader at Wesson Attendance Center.

## GED graduate, Senior Aide receives state and national recognition

*Mississippi Governor Ronnie Musgrove presents Mrs. Louise Sinclair with a recognition certificate from GED and Senior Services of America, Inc.*

We've all heard the old adage "better late than never." For 80-year-old Louise Sinclair of McComb, it was well worth the wait. Mrs. Sinclair received her GED through Copiah-Lincoln's Adult Education Program in 1999. She is one of the oldest GED graduates in the state of Mississippi.

Sinclair quit school two weeks into her ninth grade year. She married at a young age and began raising her family. Mrs. Sinclair has battled a hearing problem and cancer.

In 1992, Mrs. Sinclair enrolled in the Senior AIDES Program, an employment-training program sponsored by Copiah-Lincoln. The program enrolls economically disadvantaged persons age 55 and older to work part time in government or non-profit agencies. Mrs. Sinclair was enrolled in the program when she began her battle with cancer. During her time of treatment and recovery, she managed to miss only two weeks of work. She acknowledges that staying active in the workplace helped her deal with the problems she was facing in her personal life.

According to Jeff Posey, Co-Lin Adult Education Director, only 1.4 percent of 186 adults who take the GED over the age of 60 pass the test. The average age for a GED graduate is 22 years old.

Mrs. Sinclair said she received much support and encouragement from her family, co-workers, and from Co-Lin. She said, "they kept telling me I could do it. I'm just so thankful for the opportunity Jeff, Brenda (Brown), Mrs. Gordy and Co-Lin gave me."

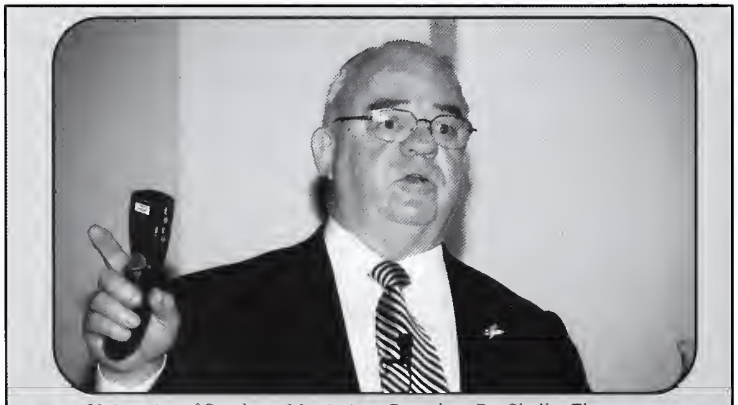
"I found out I had passed the test at work," Mrs. Sinclair said. "The first person I called was my son."

When she's not working, Mrs. Sinclair enjoys painting, crocheting and sewing. She has four children, eight grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and one great great grandchild. They are all very proud of her accomplishment.

Mrs. Sinclair has her GED diploma by her front door so everyone who comes to visit can see it. Her advice to anyone interested in taking the GED, "it's never too late."

Recently, Mrs. Sinclair was recognized for her accomplishments by being selected to be a national spokesperson for the GED Program and Senior Service of America, Inc. Senior Service of America, Inc. (SSAI) is a non-profit organization that awards grants under a Department of Labor program to help senior find work in their communities. Copiah-Lincoln is among the agencies that participate in Senior Service America's community service employment program, Senior AIDES.

Also present at the recognition ceremony were representatives from Senior Service America, Inc, administration and Senior AIDES personnel from Co-Lin, GED directors and personnel from Mississippi and Sinclair's family.



*University of Southern Mississippi President Dr. Shelby Thames was the keynote speaker at the 11th Annual Business and Industry Appreciation Luncheon held in April at The Thames Center on the Wesson Campus. The annual event is sponsored by the Division of Community Services and the Career-Technical Division. The Georgia-Pacific Monticello Mill Catfish Cooking Team provided lunch.*


# Who is Louise Sinclair?

- Great-great grandmother
- Cancer survivor
- Community service worker
- GED graduate, Mississippi
- All of the above

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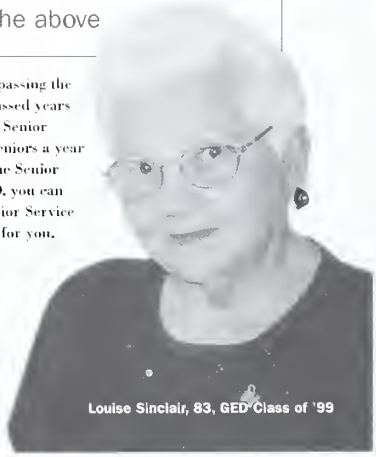


Louise Sinclair, 83, GED Class of '99

## Hall of Fame (Continued from page 5)

Students in American Junior Colleges, he is a pre-medicine major.

**JESSICA PHILLIPS**

Jessica was selected to the All-Mississippi Academic Second Team and to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, she is vice president of leadership for Phi Theta Kappa and secretary for Future Teachers of America. She is a member of the Co-Lin Trailblazers, Alpha Omega Science Club, and varsity tennis team. She was state and regional champion in women's singles and doubles and national semi-finalist in women's singles her freshman year. Jessica is the recipient of the Ken and Ruth Patterson Scholarship and is an education major.

**DAVID DUANE RUSSELL**

David serves as president of Phi Theta Kappa and Phi Theta Kappa Mississippi/Louisiana Regional Secretary. Selected to the All-Mississippi Academic First Team, David is a member of Sigma Kappa Delta honorary English fraternity, the Co-Lin Trailblazers, Baptist Student Union, Phi Beta Lambda, National Vocational-Technical Honor Society, and President's Council. Recipient of the W.S. Henley Memorial Scholarship, he was selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges and a campus favorite. He is a computer networking major.

## Dr. Chance Harvey has first book published

*The Life and Selected Letters of Lyle Saxon*, the first book by Co-Lin humanities instructor and Tylertown native Dr. Chance Harvey, is scheduled for release this month by Pelican Publishing Company of New York.

The first full biography of the legendary writer traces the developments in Saxon's literary career and scrutinizes his life, his personal and professional relationships as well as his writing, to present an intimate portrait of the artist. What emerges from this study is a man who created an image of Southern gentleman, genial host to the literati and raconteur in order to disguise his deep feelings of loneliness and alienation. Interestingly, Saxon used the books he wrote and his letters to establish a persona, a regional and social identity, quite different from the private man. The biography is based, in large part, upon Saxon's letters and diaries as well as his unpublished manuscripts and published works. The accompanying selected letters from Saxon to correspondents ranging from prominent writer Sherwood Anderson to his maiden aunts, Maude and Elizabeth Chambers, reflect the author's delightful sense of humor as they comment upon the literary scene in New Orleans in the 1920s and in Greenwich Village in the 1930s.

Harvey first became interested in Saxon when she was a graduate student at Tulane University and worked part-time in the special collections division of the university library. There she came across the Saxon papers; she found his letters and diaries intriguing, and they became the basis of the biography. She has researched the facts behind Saxon myths and presents the reality behind his legend.

The hardcover edition including an appendix of 39 Saxon letters and photographs is currently available at amazon.com and will soon be available in bookstores.

She is scheduled to have book signings at the Faulkner House Bookstore and the Garden District Bookstore in New Orleans, Lemuria in Jackson, and Square Books in Oxford.

In March of this year, she was a speaker at Le Petit Salon in New Orleans. She is scheduled to speak at the Faulkner Society Words and Music Festival in New Orleans in December 2003. She will also participate in the Book Fair at the 2003 Yoknapatawpha Faulkner Conference in Oxford.

An instructor in English composition, American literature, and creative writing, Harvey also serves as the faculty advisor to Co-Lin's literary journal, *Microcosm*.

Harvey received her B.A., M.A., and PhD. from Millsaps College, Duke University, Tulane University, respectively. Prior to joining the Co-Lin faculty, Harvey taught English at the University of Mississippi, the University of Hawaii, and Tulane University.

# Over 154 students receive endowed scholarships

Over 154 Co-Lin students received approximately 89 endowed scholarships for the 2003-04 academic year. Scholarship awards were announced at the Co-Lin Foundation's Second Annual Endowed Scholarship Reception held April 16 at The Thames Center. Students had the opportunity to meet and visit with their scholarship donor.

Receiving scholarships were Katie Rouch of Alexandria, La., Frank and Evelyn Oswalt Scholarship; Estelle Bales of Bogue Chitto, W.S. Henley Memorial Scholarship; Charla Clark of Bogue Chitto, Calvin White Memorial Scholarship; John Foster II of Bogue Chitto, State Bank Scholarship; Richard Green of Bogue Chitto, Luther Garrett Memorial Scholarship; Ashley Hall of Bogue Chitto, W.C. "Pop" Allen and Henry S. Allen Scholarship; Angela Lambert of Bogue Chitto, Brookhaven Lion's Club Scholarship; Amaryllis Leggett of Bogue Chitto, John William "Bill" McGuire, Sr. Scholarship; John McCarty of Bogue Chitto, Rex Popplewell Scholarship; Adam Smith of Bogue Chitto, Hodges Family Scholarship; Jeffrey Sugg of Bogue Chitto, The Lee Will and Mary Loyce Berry Scholarship Fund; Chris Sanders of Braxton, Lester R. (Randy) Furr, Jr. Memorial Band Scholarship; Randy Watkins of Braxton, Mississippi Media Professionals Scholarship; Kayla Allen of Brookhaven, W.S. Henley Memorial Scholarship; Lauren Allred of Brookhaven, Ada Rogers Brumfield Memorial Scholarship; Robert Allred of Brookhaven, J.M. Ewing Memorial Scholarship; Darren Anderson of Brookhaven, Sidney Wayne Williams Memorial Scholarship; Brandon Baker of Brookhaven, Willie H. Smith Scholarship; Beth Ballard of Brookhaven, Virgil D. Youngblood Scholarship; Grant Biagi of Brookhaven, Rex Popplewell Scholarship; Jody Britt of Brookhaven, Brookhaven Lion's Club Scholarship; Patrick Brown of Brookhaven, Noel H. Assink Data Processing Scholarship; Tessa Burke of Brookhaven, Reverend M.L. Douglas Memorial Scholarship; Phyllis Burnaman of Brookhaven, Martha and Frank Pitts Scholarship; Inez Calloway of Brookhaven, Copiah-Lincoln Lawrence Fifty Plus Club Scholarship; Jessica Case of Brookhaven, Lou Douglas and W.D. Hammons Family Scholarship; Marcus Corley of Brookhaven, Elbert & Eugenia Allen Career and Technical Scholarship; Benjamin Davis of Brookhaven, C.C. Clark Memorial Scholarship; Leah Davis of Brookhaven, W.S.Henley Memorial Scholarship; Leah Davis of Brookhaven, Jodie Kyzar Greer George Scholarship; Stevenson Dunn of Brookhaven, State Bank Scholarship; Megan Durr of Brookhaven, Reverend M.L. Douglas Memorial Scholarship; Misty Durr of Brookhaven, Trustmark Scholarship; Dedra Edwards of Brookhaven, John E. Russell Memorial Scholarship; Danny Foster of Brookhaven, Rex Popplewell Scholarship; Adam Furlow of Brookhaven, Wayne King Memorial Scholarship; Ben Goza of Brookhaven, Johnnie E. and Pauline H. Wells Scholarship; Jaclyn Griffin of Brookhaven, Trustmark Scholarship; Holly Hammond of Brookhaven, Colette Scholarship; Tyler Lofton of Brookhaven, Virgil D. Youngblood Scholarship; Phillip Magee of Brookhaven, Brookhaven Lion's Club Scholarship; Amber May of Brookhaven, Arlee W. Walker Pre-Professional Science Memorial Scholarship; Ancy Jo Myers of Brookhaven, Hattie Lou Montgomery Middleton Scholarship; Kathy Phillips of Brookhaven, Tom and Doris Kelly Scholarship; Rita Poole of Brookhaven, Ida B. Olson Nursing Scholarship; Joylene Porter of Brookhaven, Nona G. Fortenberry Scholarship; Trudy Ready of Brookhaven, Russell Ellzey Memorial Scholarship; Clint Smith of Brookhaven, Frank and Evelyn Oswalt Scholarship; Samantha Smith of Brookhaven, Darlene Johnson Memorial Scholarship; Adam Speeg of Brookhaven, Keith Daniels Memorial Scholarship; Laurie Strehlow of Brookhaven, Julia Guess Music Scholarship; Katie Vinson of Brookhaven, Virgil D. Youngblood Scholarship; Emily Williamson of Brookhaven, Michael G. Lusk, Sr. Pre-Engineering Scholarship; Susan Wyant of Brookhaven, Virgil D. Youngblood Scholarship; Jeremy Duke of Crystal Springs, The Lee Will and Mary Loyce Berry Scholarship Fund; Jennifer Doty of Florence, Frank and Evelyn Oswalt Scholarship; Lydia Wooten of Florence, Thelma Hemphill Jones Scholarship; Aaron Mitchell of Georgetown, Lee Will and Mary Loyce Berry Scholarship Fund; Darnisha Johnson of Hazlehurst, Graydon L. and Helen E. Mullen Memorial Scholarship; Marcie Parrett of Hazlehurst, Dr. Jim Stribling Memorial Scholarship.

Also, Tyler Perrett of Hazlehurst, Tom Earl and Ruby Hogg James Scholarship; Alicia Shannon of Hazlehurst, Lou Douglas and W.D. Hammons Family Scholarship; Wendy Smith of Hazlehurst, Lou Douglas and W.D. Hammons Family Scholarship; Mazurone Spencer of Hazlehurst, Alton and Jean Ricks Scholarship; Stephanie Wiley of Hazlehurst, John "Jack" Johnson Scholarship; Sheila Williams of Hazlehurst, Cordelia Harvey Memorial Scholarship; Catherine Wood of Hazlehurst, Lula Stevens Memorial Scholarship; Kenyada Loyd of Jackson, Robert K. Howard Memorial Scholarship; Elise Dixon of Liberty, Jesse W. Sandifer Memorial Scholarship;Naquia Mott of Liberty, Martha and Frank Pitts Scholarship; Matt Anderson of Magee, Willie Ainsworth Memorial Scholarship; Laura Barnes of Magee, H. F. McCarty, Jr. Endowed Scholarship; Boycee Varnes of Magee, Trustmark Scholarship; Monica Buckels of McCall, Russell Ellzey Memorial Scholarship; Ifunanya Okocha of McComb, Virgil D. Youngblood Scholarship; Jana Wright of McComb, Mr. and Mrs. K.R. Hodges Scholarship; Allison Griffith of Meadville, Charles W. "Billy" McGehee Scholarship; Kimberly Hester of Meadville, Virgil D. Youngblood Scholarship; Lee Hutson of Meadville, B.R. and Frances B. Frazier Scholarship; Misty Mullins of Meadville, Lena W. and Fred E. Thompson Scholarship; Amy Newell of Meadville, Bateman Creative Writing Award; Amy Newell of Meadville, J. Edgar Simmons, Jr. Scholarship; Kelly Rand of Meadville, Suzanne Boyd Memorial Trophy Scholarship; Cindy Wilson of Meadville, J. Edgar Simmons, Jr. Scholarship; Cindy Wilson of Meadville, Bateman Creative Writing Award; Cindy Wilson of Meadville, Dr. Phyllis H. Lanier Memorial Science Scholarship; Christopher Barnard of Mendenhall, Donald Ashley "Chick" Smith Memorial Scholarship; Timothy Frye of Mendenhall, Beatrice and Cecil Farmer Memorial Scholarship; Sara Mullins of Mendenhall, H. F. McCarty, Jr. Endowed Scholarship; Sara Mullins of Mendenhall, Willie Ainsworth Memorial Scholarship; Jennifer Bales of Monticello, Laura Coghlan Williams Radiography Scholarship; Dan Benoit of Monticello, Mildred Newman Powe Scholarship; Christy Boyles of Monticello, Dr. Rex R. Pearce Memorial Scholarship; Christy Boyles of Monticello, Copiah-Lincoln Educators Association Scholarship;

## Endowed Scholarships (continued from page 8)

Caleb DeBold of Monticello, F.M. Fortenberry Scholarship; Candace Lambert of Monticello, E.A. "Beby" Turnage Memorial Scholarship; Amanda Maxie of Monticello, Doris Ball Green Music Scholarship; Amanda Maxie of Monticello, E.A. "Beby" Turnage Memorial Scholarship; Heather Owens of Monticello, Entergy Mississippi Inc.'s Excellence in Education Scholarship; Vanessa Rutland of Monticello, Mr. and Mrs. K.R. Hodges Scholarship; James Wall of Monticello, Tara Reynolds Memorial Scholarship; Josh Ford of Natchez, A.C.Sample; Rodney Biggs of Pearl, Virgil D. Youngblood Scholarship; Bradley Blair of Pinola, H. F. McCarty, Jr. Endowed Scholarship; James Dampier of Pinola, Malcolm Nesmith Memorial Scholarship; Inga Bass of Roxie, Charles W. "Billy" McGehee Scholarship; Rami Bonds of Roxie, F.M. Fortenberry Scholarship; Zachary Crosby of Ruth, Michael G. Lusk, Sr. Pre-Engineering Scholarship; Ashley Tate of Ruth, Lexie B. Smith Memorial Scholarship; Amy Wooley of Ruth, Lena W. and Fred E. Thompson Scholarship; Jill Foster of Silver Creek, E.A. "Beby" Turnage Memorial Scholarship; Reuben Rester of Silver Creek, E.A. "Beby" Turnage Memorial Scholarship; Teresa Freeman of Smithdale, Zelle Weems FTA Scholarship; Kelly Bridges of Tylertown, R.E. "Bob" Anderson Career and Technical Memorial Scholarship; Michelle Glenn of Tylertown, Virgil D. Youngblood Scholarship; Cody Robinson of Union Church, Rex Popplewell Scholarship; Kail Baldwin of Wesson, Noah "Cap" and Lona B. Wallace Scholarship; Shana Braxton of Wesson, Maggie Flowers Ewing Scholarship; Whitney Brown of Wesson, Tom Earl and Ruby Hogg James Scholarship; Cody Covington of Wesson, Ken and Ruth Patterson Scholarship; Hollie Cupit of Wesson, Ken and Ruth Patterson Scholarship; Elizabeth Davis of Wesson, Hardy Perritt Award for Excellence in Writing; Tyson Davis of Wesson, Rex Popplewell Scholarship; Justin Dickerson of Wesson, Ken and Ruth Patterson Scholarship; Elizabeth Durr of Wesson, Noah "Cap" and Lona B. Wallace Scholarship; Nikki Gill of Wesson,

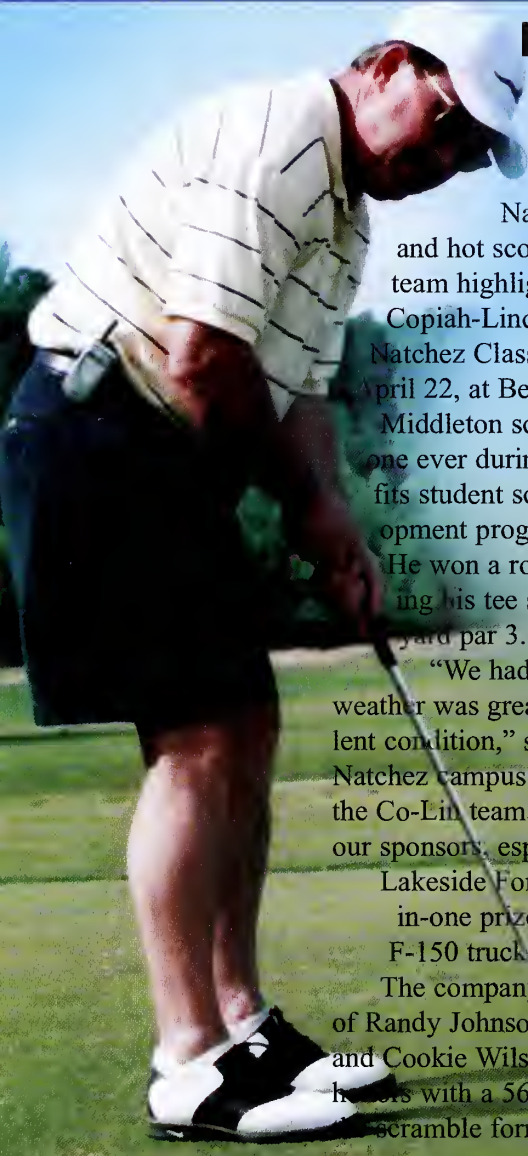
*Recipients of Faculty Development Scholarships are seated from left, Suzanne Johnson, Program Co-Coordinator Business & Office Technology and Brenda Brown, Director of Federal Programs; standing from left, Dr. Howell Garner, Co-Lin President; Charles Douglas, 854th Medical Collecting Company; Charlotte Hill, Co-Lin Foundation Executive Director; Wanda S. Hart, Business and Office Technology Instructor; and Jeff Posey, Director of Adult Education. These scholarships assist faculty members with the expenses of advanced study, travel and other educational opportunities.*

*Terry Assink of Neenah, Wisconsin (left) visits with recipient Patrick Brown of Brookhaven during the Second Annual Endowed Scholarship Reception. Brown received the Noel H. Assink Data Processing Scholarship for 2003-04.*

John Vernon and Allyene Pitts Williams Memorial Scholarship; Robert Gooch of Wesson, Reverend M.L. Douglas Memorial Scholarship; Brittany Greer of Wesson, Graydon L. and Helen E. Mullen Memorial Scholarship; Jessica Hale of Wesson, Ken and Ruth Patterson Scholarship; Jessica Hale of Wesson, Graydon L. and Helen E. Mullen Memorial Scholarship; Matthew Harveston of Wesson, Graydon L. and Helen E. Mullen Memorial Scholarship; Tony Hill of Wesson, Tom Earl and Ruby Hogg James Scholarship; Honor Hood of Wesson, James C. and Neva B. Thames Memorial Scholarship; Lauren Hutson of Wesson, Tom Earl and Ruby Hogg James Scholarship; Maggie Johnson of Wesson, Mr. and Mrs. K.R. Hodges Scholarship; Maggie Johnson of Wesson, Noah "Cap" and Lona B. Wallace Scholarship; Brittany King of Wesson, Lee Will and Mary Loyce Berry Scholarship Fund; Cynthia Moak of Wesson, Donald and Sarah Johnson Scholarship; Dara Moak of Wesson, Virgil D. Youngblood Scholarship; James Pannell of Wesson, Sam and Mary Anna Beall Scholarship; Cedrick Phillip of Wesson, John "Jack" Johnson Scholarship; Mary Porch of Wesson, Ken and Ruth Patterson Scholarship; Lauren Raney of Wesson, Ken and Ruth Patterson Scholarship; Rachel Ryan of Wesson, Tom Earl and Ruby Hogg James Scholarship; Jason Shannon of Wesson, John "Jack" Johnson Scholarship; Brittany Smith of Wesson, Cordelia Harvey Memorial Scholarship; Justin Smith of Wesson, Michael G. Lusk, Sr. Pre-Engineering Scholarship; Kyle Smith of Wesson, Tom Earl and Ruby Hogg James Scholarship; Rebecca Smith of Wesson, Graydon L. and Helen E. Mullen Memorial Scholarship; Stephanie Turnbo of Wesson, J.J. Wesson Memorial Scholarship; Peyton Warren of Wesson, ILR Scholarship; Peyton Warren of Wesson, Michael G. Lusk, Sr. Pre-Engineering Scholarship; Kristopher Williams of Wesson, James Robert "Jim" Lowery Memorial Scholarship; Ryan Williams of Wesson, Tom Earl and Ruby Hogg James Scholarship, Mary Lilla Ashley Education Fund.

# Natchez Foundation Golf Tournament

By Mark LaFrancis, Director of Public Information Natchez Campus



NATCHEZ – A hole in one by Natchez resident Jake Middleton, and hot scoring by the Lakeside Ford team highlighted the Third Annual Copiah-Lincoln Community College Natchez Classic Golf Tournament Tuesday, April 22, at Beau Pre' Country Club.

Middleton scored only his second hole in one ever during the tournament, which benefits student scholarships and faculty development programs at the Natchez Campus. He won a round trip to Germany for sinking his tee shot on the 13th hole, a 175-yard par 3. He used a 5-iron.

"We had a terrific tournament; the weather was great, and the course was in excellent condition," said Dr. Ronald E. Nettles, Natchez campus dean, who played for one of the Co-Lin teams. "We thank all the golfers and our sponsors, especially Lakeside Ford."

Lakeside Ford sponsored all the hole-in-one prizes, including a new Ford F-150 truck, which no one won.

The company's team *(bottom right photo)* of Randy Johnson, Ken Smith, Gary Farmer and Cookie Wilson took top corporate team honors with a 56, which was 16 under par in a scramble format.

The Quality Home Oxygen team *(bottom left photo)* of Rob Fisher, George Hennington, Chandler Russ and Cameron Smith won low gross with a 56, while the United Mississippi Bank team *(bottom middle photo)* of Chris Hutchins, Adrian Stallone, Paul Sparks and John Christian took low net with a 54.

Nineteen teams competed.

Money raised goes to the Co-Lin Foundation, a non-profit arm of Co-Lin, which oversees the distribution of scholarships. All of the proceeds will help the Natchez campus, Nettles said.

Other results are:

Britton & Koontz First National Bank: Bill Salters, Paul Guido, Kenny Jackson, Woody Allen: 62 (gross), 60 (net).

Natchez Coca Cola: Sonny Stephens, Raymond Gill, Archie Willett, Bill McKenzie: 64, 61.

Entergy No. 1: Kenny Goza, Allen Kent, Bill Scott, Randy Martin: 60, 56.

Entergy No. 2: Ed Pickle, Jim Pendergrast, Phil Hale, Jeff Trecost: 61, 59.

Natchez Community Hospital: Scoop Murray, Mike Cook, Bill Lambert, Ed Daly: 59, 58.

Valley Services: Elmer McInnis, John Covert, Bubba Barham, Bill Barham: 61, 55.

Byrne Insurance: Homer Rushing, Simmons Hicks, Lucius Butts, Russell Butts: 66, 60.

Peoples Bank: Larry Hill, Raymond Steele, Eric Smith, Bart Jones: 59, 58.

Jack Benson, Jim Allgood, Glenn Green, Tom Graning, Tom Geoghegan: 61, 59

Sharon Alexander, J. P. McInnis, Mike Tanner, Danny Dykes: 68, 62

Jonathan Lewis, Ronnie Bishop, Peggy McCall, Jack Lazarus: 65, 60.

Walt Wilson, Jimmy Searcy, Ronnie Harris, Bub Mullins: 65, 60.

Bob Russ, Monte Mayo, Kurt Russ, Chris Kelley: 62, 59.

Fred Middleton, Jo Jo Eidt, Jake Middleton, John Anders: 61, 57.

Richard Furr, Tommy Jolly, Bradley Smith, Paul Johnson: 60, 56.

Billy Stewart, Mark LaFrancis, Tim Fuller, Ronnie Nettles, Howard French: 71, 63.

*Philanthropy*

# Co-Lin receives $500,000 gift to endow programs to benefit students and faculty

A $500,000 gift from a Copiah-Lincoln alumnus will endow student scholarships and provide professional development opportunities for faculty.

The endowment from Texas businessman L. Frank Pitts, a member of Co-Lin Class of 1931, was announced during the opening ceremonies of the college's 75th anniversary celebration.

"I love this school, and it has had a big influence on my life," said Pitts, who also attended Co-Lin when it was an agricultural high school.

Garner said the criteria for the scholarship still being developed but will likely be based on the student's ACT score, financial need and other factors.

Professional development opportunities for Co-Lin faculty is an area that has suffered in recent years due to tough budget times, Garner said. He added that there has been a 38 percent cut in the college budget for that area over the last three years.

The enrichment funds will help send instructors to seminars, workshops and other programs to improve their teaching skills and knowledge.

The Co-Lin Foundation will administer both scholarships.

"The faculty is absolutely going to be on cloud nine about this," Garner said. "This is a fantastic thing to do."

Pitts has been an independent oil and natural gas producer for over 60 years.

While at Co-Lin, Pitts served as president of his class both his freshman and sophomore year. He was selected Co-Lin's Alumnus of the Year in 1973 and was inducted into the Co-Lin Foundation Hall of Fame in 1994.

Pitts has been actively involved in a wide range of industry associations and political action groups. He served two terms as president of the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association. Pitts has been appointed by Texas governors to numerous committees in the petroleum industry. A pioneer in geological research, Pitts was appointed to the Interstate Oil Gas Compact Commission by Texas Governor Mark White in 1984. He currently serves under an appointment by former Texas Governor George W. Bush.

The many honors awarded him by industry associates include the Chief Roughneck Award (1979); Pioneer of the Year Award (2001); IPAA Karney Cochran Award (1993); Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners' highest honor, the Mr. TIPRO Award (1989); Texas Oil & Gas Association's Distinguished Service Award (1998); the American Association of Petroleum Landmen's Distinguished Service Award and Special Award for Industry Leadership; and the John Rogers Award (1996).

As a dynamic spokesman for the energy industry in the United States, Pitts has been a frequent expert witness and conferee in Washington with members of the Senate, the House of Representatives, and Executive leadership concerned with oil and natural gas policy.

As a popular speaker to civic groups, regional and national conventions, he has often been heard on talk shows, panel discussions and interviews on radio and television throughout the country including Walter Cronkite and Dan Rather, CBS Evening News; the MacNeil-Lehrer Report and William Buckley's Firing Line on Public Broadcasting System; the NBC Today Show; ABC's Good Morning America; plus interviews with John Chancellor; Rolland Smith; and various national and international cable news programs and documentaries.

Pitts resides in Dallas and has one daughter, Linda Pitts Custard, and three grandchildren.

*United States Senator Thad Cochran (left) talks with Frank Pitts at the opening ceremonies of the 75th anniversary celebration.*

# 75th Anni
# Opening
## Celebration of Learning • Co

*1. Co-Lin Trailblazers Samantha Smith of Brookhaven (left) and Meghann Hubbard of Utica assisted in registering the over 450 guests for the opening ceremonies.*

*2. The memorabilia room was a popular place for many of the alumni and guests.*

*3. Guest speakers for the opening ceremony were front row from left, Mississippi Governor Ronnie Musgrove, U. S. Senator Thad Cochran, Co-Lin alumnus L. Frank Pitts, and retired Co-Lin President Dr. Billy B. Thames.*

*4. Alumnus "Chunkin" Charlie Ward of Hazlehurst admires the athletic trophies and photos in the memorabilia room.*

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*5. World-renowned pianist Randall Atcheson entertained guests during the opening ceremonies.*

*6. The Co-Lin Ambassadors, under the direction of Denise Riley and Brad Johnson, led the audience in the singing of the Co-Lin alma mater.*

*7. Governor Ronnie Musgrove spoke many kind words about Co-Lin and its rich heritage.*

*8. Anniversary Co-Chairs Marilyn Brown (left) and Sharon Alexander unveil the commemorative collage designed by Celeste Williamson.*

## Students celebrate Arbor Day

In celebration of Mississippi Arbor Day and in conjunction with Copiah-Lincoln's 75th Anniversary, 23 clubs and organizations planted trees along the new walkway and parking area by the new men's dormitories, Lincoln and Lawrence Halls.

Members of the following clubs participated in the February 14th event: Afro-American Studies Club, Alpha Omega Science Club, BSU, Child Development Technology, Drama Club, Food Service Committee, Future Teachers of America, HOSA-SPN, Medical Lab Technology, Modern Foreign Language, SNO-ADN, PBL, Phi Theta Kappa, President's Council, S.A.G.E., SKD, Skills USA, Trailblazers, Wesley Foundation, *The Wolf Tales*, and Woman's Residence Council, and the Wesson Garden Club.

Special anniversary t-shirts were given to all club members and sponsors who came to participate in the event.

Brookhaven Monument, Inc. donated a marker at the entrance of the walkway to campus commemorating the event.

*Eta Omega Chapter President David Russell of Monticello plants the Phi Theta Kappa tree during Arbor Day activities.*

## Dear Alumni and Friends:

What a great privilege to be a part of Co-Lin and the 75th Anniversary Celebration! We hope that you too will recognize this privilege and join us as we continue to celebrate Co-Lin's 75th anniversary.

Committees have spent a lot of time brainstorming and strived to be open-minded when planning each event. For your convenience in tracking the anniversary, the college has produced a 75th anniversary website with photos, highlights, and a calendar of events. You can access this information on the Co-Lin webpage at *www.colin.edu* then clicking on the 75th logo in the right hand corner of the page. In addition, we are excited that Mike McIntyre is producing a spectacular video featuring highlights of the college's history. This video will premier during homecoming week and will be made available on CD or video for purchase.

We feel that we have a great week planned during this year's homecoming. When you arrive on campus you will be greeted by our colorful 75th anniversary banners displayed along the campus streets. We expect record numbers of our alumni and friends to return to campus this year for this special homecoming and 75th anniversary celebration. It does not matter if you attended Co-Lin some 40 years ago or are a recent graduate. We want to especially encourage our retired/former employees to join us for a special reception in your honor on Wednesday, October 8.

Be a significant part of the 75th Anniversary Celebration and join us this year for Homecoming on Saturday, October 11.

We look forward to seeing you,

Sharon Alexander,
75th Anniversary Co-Chair
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Marilyn Brown
75th Anniversary Co-Chair
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# Special Reunions

## Co-Lin's Parade of Beauties

A special reunion for all former Co-Lin Most Beautiful winners is planned for Tuesday, October 7 of Homecoming Week. Activities will begin with a reception hosted by Co-Lin President Dr. Howell Garner at 6:00 p.m.

At 7:00 p.m. the annual Trillium Beauty Pageant will be held in the Rea Auditorium. All former Most Beautiful winners will be recognized during the pageant.

If you are a former Most Beautiful winner, please contact Pat Young at (601) 643-8321 or email *pat.young@colin.edu* or Natalie Davis (601) 643-8354 or email *natalie.davis@colin.edu*

1980-Rita McKinley
1981-Sherry Ricks Davis
1982-Edith Anderson
1983-Anita Chapman
1984-Cyndi Butler
1985-Laura Brooks
1986-Julie Carlisle
1987-Sandy Keys
1988-Lana West Adams
1989-Cheri Turnage
1990-Terri Dunaway Boyte
1991-Lana Russell
1992-Jennifer Patrick
1993-Kristy Earles
1994-Kami Burns
1995-Jennifer Hall
1996-Brandy Raiford
1997-Stacey Coley
1998-Jessica Patick
1999-Brooke Allen
2000-Rebecca Moulder
2001-Misti Fortenberry
2002-Carrie Boutwell
2003-Abby Furr

*1968 pageant personalities included from left Burlian Walker, pageant director; finalists: Melnee Clopton, Brenda Keene, Lynn Turnbough, Wanda Pettigrew, and Rene Frazier and Woodie Assaf, emcee.*

*Coaching Staff from the 1939 Trillium..*

## Athletic reunion planned for Homecoming 2003

If you are a former Co-Lin athlete or coach, **WE WANT YOU**! The Co-Lin Athletic Department will host a reunion for all former players and coaches of all sports on Saturday, October 11 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Mullen Gymnasium. We invite you to visit with teammates, renew old acquaintances and reminisce about old times.

Photos, annuals, trophies and other memorabilia will be on display in the gym. Please feel free to bring any scrapbooks, clippings, etc. to share.

All former athletes and coaches are asked to contact Gwyn Young at (601) 643-8318 or email *gwyn.young@colin.edu* or Natalie Davis at (601) 643-8354 or email *natalie.davis@colin.edu*

# Philanthropy

Five new endowed scholarships totaling $37,203 have been secured during the second quarter for 2003.

*Walter Bone (second from right) and Melanie Sykes (far right) of the Georgia-Pacific Monticello Mill recently presented a check to Co-Lin President Dr. Howell Garner (second from left) and Co-Lin Foundation Executive Director Charlotte Hill.*

**William Howell and Maggie Lee Garner Faculty Scholarship Fund $10,000**

Co-Lin President Dr. Howell Garner established the fund in memory of his parents, William Howell and Maggie Lee Collier Garner. Earnings from the endowment will be used to support faculty development initiatives.

**F. Kenneth McCalip Scholarship $5,000**

F. Kenneth McCalip Memorial Scholarship was established by Ms. Gwen McCalip in memory of her late husband. A $250.00 per semester scholarship will be awarded to a Natchez Campus sophomore, beginning in the 2003-2004 school year.

**Annie Lee Hardison Scholarship $5,105**

The Annie Lee Hardison Memorial Nursing Scholarship has been established to provide financial support to a first-year nursing student from Lawrence County. Mrs. Hardison was the mother of Asa Hardison, member of the Copiah-Lincoln Community College Foundation Board of Directors and grandmother of Casey Hardison and Jamie Hardison, both alumni of Co-Lin.

**State Farm Co-Lin Endowment $7,100**

The Co-Lin State Farm Endowment Fund has been established by a number of State Farm agents and associates, including Guy and Loura Barr of Monroe, Louisiana; Bobby Britt of Brookhaven; Charlie Rice of Flowood; Max Mullins of Mendenhall; Doug Nigreville of Natchez; Terry Estes of Natchez; and Jarrod Britt of Ocean Springs.

Earnings from the endowment will provide an annual $1,000 award to be divided between student scholarships and faculty development awards.

*Area State Farm agents and/or associates attended a State Farm Insurance Dinner hosted by Co-Lin's Foundation to discuss plans for the establishment of a State Farm Endowment Fund. Special guests for the evening were seated from left, Doug Nigreville, Bobby Britt, Charlie Rice, Loura Barr; Guy Barr; standing from left, Kevin Whittington, Max Mullins, Terry Estes, Alex Brabham, Jr., Jack Thomas, Charlotte Hill, Executive Director Foundation/Alumni Relations, and Co-Lin President Dr. Howell Garner.*

*BellSouth Regional Manager C.D. Smith (center) presents a $10,000 grant to Co-Lin President Dr. Howell Garner and Co-Lin Foundation Executive Director Charlotte Hill.*

**BellSouth Endowed Scholarship $10,000**

Copiah-Lincoln recently received a $10,000 grant from BellSouth. Co-Lin President Dr. Howell Garner and BellSouth Regional Manager C.D. Smith announced the grant during a news conference on the college's Wesson Campus.

"We are excited about our new corporate partner BellSouth placing a priority on education by providing funding for a scholarship at Co-Lin and other community colleges," said Garner.

The $10,000 grant to Co-Lin is part of a strategic BellSouth initiative to establish scholarship endowment funds for higher education in communities statewide. The Co-Lin Foundation will oversee the administration and award process for the scholarship fund.

BellSouth will award a total of $150,000 in Mississippi - $10,000 to each of the 15 community and junior colleges in the state.

"This initiative helps to ensure we continue to have opportunities to recruit and employ people with the workforce training skills and education our industry demands," said Smith.

The grants were awarded to build on the mission of the State Board of Community and Junior Colleges, which is to "...enhance a community and junior college education and workforce training for Mississippians, promote positive leadership, and create partnerships with business, industry, and other entities..."

# Mother-Daughter tennis duo lead Lady Wolves

By James O. Covington

For Kathy and Lindsey Phillips of Brookhaven there's not a bit of difference, for their teammates everything's the same, and for their coach it's a great family combination. Something both mother and daughter expected, but they had their doubts.

Lindsey, a sophomore at Copiah-Lincoln, is the defending MACJC state champion in No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles, plus she reached the quarterfinals in the NJCAA National Tennis Tournament last year in College Station, Texas.

Her mother Kathy, 45, is a freshman at Co-Lin. Kathy married young but always held on to hopes of going to school. She didn't start playing tennis until her early 20's and was always at her daughter's matches. Once she made up her mind to go back to school, she was welcomed with open arms by the Co-Lin team.

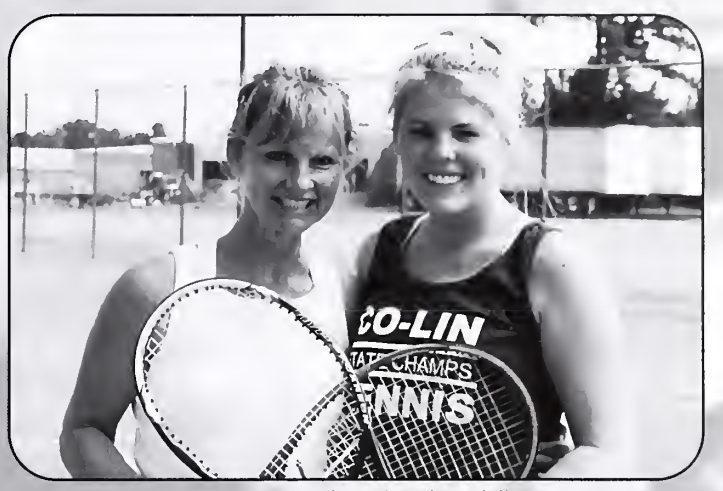
"At first I thought I was going be a little embarrassed," said Lindsey. "But, I wasn't. It's kind of neat having her on the team because we've always been real close."

"Lindsey served as the best recruiting tool for Co-Lin's Women's Tennis," said Coach Brenda Smith. Kathy was at Lindsey's side every match she played last year.

"She was always at my matches," said Lindsey. "She always wanted to go back to school, and Coach Smith asked her if she did go back, would she play."

"Kathy always talked about going back to school, so recruiting her was fairly easy," said Coach Smith. "We started talking about it during Nationals, when Lindsey was playing. She already knew most of the players, so her decision was fairly easy."

"Lindsey's power game is strong," said Smith. "Her mother plays a different style with consistent strokes and great placement on her shots. Both are very good players."




*Teammates Kathy and Lindsey Phillips.*

Coach Smith mentioned that Kathy and Lindsey's relationship has always been strong. She said with the kind of relationship they have, it's a tribute to the team.

"Their relationship is something special," said Smith. "Our team always prides itself on being a family. And with them it should only get closer."

Kathy is hopeful of a good season. She is also happy she'll get to see her daughter play as a teammate and possible doubles partner before all is said and done.

"Coach Smith is a great coach," added Kathy. "Her personality reflects our family tradition on the team. She does a real good job. Co-Lin is lucky to have her."

To date, Kathy is undefeated in singles and doubles while maintaining a 4.0 grade point average. Lindsey continues as one of the top players in the state in singles and doubles.

Kathy and Lindsey see and feel no difference, they are together on a team that has high expectations and a family tradition. Something each has always had in one another, but now they can share the glory on and off the court.

# Sophomore Football Signees

Eight Copiah-Lincoln football players have signed to play at four-year colleges and universities. They include defensive lineman Myricks Cole of Magee, Alabama State University; defensive lineman Anthony Dampeer of Mendenhall, Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas; defensive lineman Alvin Young of Lake Butler, Florida, University of North Alabama; offensive tackle Terrell Showers of Silver Creek, Florida A & M University; linebacker Don Expose and tight end Fred Perkins, both of Brookhaven, Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; defensive back Darius Cox of Magee, Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina; linebacker Curtis Stubbs of Mendenhall, Alcorn State University.

## Basketball

The Lady Wolves captured their second straight MACJC State Championship defeating rival Southwest Mississippi Community College Lady Bears in a thrilling 67-65 game in front of a packed Mullen Gymnasium.

The Lady Wolves finished the season with a 29-1 overall record and 14-0 record in the South Division.

Sophomore guard Tiania Burns of Nashville, Tennessee was named to the MACJC All-State First Team while sophomore center Shaquita Smith of Union Church was named to the Second Team. Representing the Lady Wolves at the MACJC All-Star Game were Burns, Smith and point guard Ayme Beeson of Calhoun, Louisiana. Women's head coach Gwyn Young and assistant Dewayne Middleton served as coaches for the South squad.

The Wolves finished with a 10-15 overall record and were 3-11 in the South Division.

Sophomore guard Jason Scott of Natchez was named to the MACJC All-State First Team while sophomore guard Jerimie Collier of Baton Rouge, Louisiana was named to the Second Team. They both represented the Wolves at the MACJC All-Star Game.

## Tennis

The Lady Wolves made their sixth straight appearance in the NJCAA Women's National Tennis Tournament in College Station, Texas, and finished ranked No. 12 in the Nation. They were the MACJC and NJCAA Region 23 runners-up.

Winning state championship titles were Ashley Matthews of Roxie at No. 4 singles and the No. 3 doubles team of Kathy Phillips and Kimberly McBride, both of Brookhaven.

The Wolves finished the year with a 13-4 dual match record and finished eighth in the MACJC/Region 23 Tournament.

## Baseball

The Wolfpack baseball team had a major rebuilding year this season loosing eight position starters and four pitchers. The Wolves were eliminated in the third round of the NJCAA Region 23 Tournament and finished the 2003 campaign with a 20-28 record.

## Fast Pitch Softball

The Lady Wolves compiled a 22-10 record under the direction of first year head coach Allen Kent. They finished in second place in the South Division. Receiving NJCAA All-Region 23 honors were Holli Hankins of Natchez and pitcher Katie Fallin of Columbia, Louisiana.

## Golf

The Co-Lin Golf Team also had a successful 2003 season finishing third in the MACJC State Tournament. Qualifying for the NJCAA National Golf Tournament held in June were freshman Trent Maddox of Brookhaven and sophomore Jonathan Haley of Natchez.

# Tricia Walker (Continued from page 4)

of the original "Women In The Round," a foursome that included Karen Staley, Pam Tillis and Ashley Cleveland. The group's performances at Nashville's Bluebird Cafe have become legend, but her focus remains fixed on her own music. Tricia has been a New Folk winner at the prestigious Kerrville Folk Festival, a featured performer at Nashville's Tin Pan South songwriting festival, and showcased at the South by Southwest Music Festival in Austin and Crossroads Festival in Memphis.

Songs with a conscience have always been an important part of Tricia's song list, from her "Down In Capetown" which reflects on apartheid to "Halfway Around The World" written after the Tianemen Square uprising to "What A Wonderful Day!" written at the request of a friend for breast cancer survivors.

Tricia always offers an entertaining slice of her places and times, delivered with a beautiful voice and the ease of a veteran entertainer. Southern style never had it so good.

# Spring semester in review

By Mark LaFrancis, Director of Public Information Natchez Campus

The spring semester at the Natchez campus blossomed with activities and excitement. A high enrollment – 815 – provided an early harbinger of good things to come.

The Natchez campus joined in the celebration of Co-Lin's 75th anniversary by participating in several events. First, several staff, including Dean Ronald E. Nettles and Assistant Dean Kaye Harris, attended the February 3 celebration ceremony on the Wesson campus.

On February 14, in conjunction with Mississippi Arbor Day, clubs and organizations planted 20 crape myrtle trees in the quadrangle.

The Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration blended the anniversary with its 14th annual program, held February 19-23. A special commemorative coin was struck with the 75th anniversary seal on one side and the NLCC logo on the other.

The celebration, which Co-Lin founded, is also sponsored by the Natchez National Historical Park, the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, and Alcorn State University. This year, the Writers Guild of America became the NLCC's newest supporter.

The theme this year was "Exploration and Discovery Then and Now: Saluting the Bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase."

This year's celebration attracted visitors from around the country. The Natchez campus hosted several special events, including a writer's performance and discussion panel featuring Taulbert, singer/songwriter Tricia Walker, and storyteller, author Diane Williams. The program, called "Exploring and Discovering Within Ourselves," was heart-warming, entertaining and educational.

History was made when the first historic marker was dedicated near the Tom Reed Academic Center. Revolutionary-era writer and women's rights advocate Judith Sargent Murray was honored in a formal ceremony. Murray, the topic of an NLCC lecture the following day, coincidentally lived on land that is now part of the Natchez campus. The discovery of the connection was made by history instructor Jim Wiggins, while he researched Murray's writings and gravesite in Natchez.

*Academy-award winner Billy Bob Thornton (left) receives the Horton Foote Award for Outstanding Screenplay Writing. Presenting the award is his friend and colleague actor Gerald McRaney.*

*Representatives of Circle K Club gather around advisor John Bullen in preparation for planting a crape myrtle tree in commemoration of Co-Lin's 75th anniversary and in celebration of Mississippi Arbor Day.*

Co-Lin also hosted a series of high-level workshops, "The Ellen Douglas Writing Workshops" featuring presentations on screenplay writing, poetry, publishing, literature and more. Douglas, pen name for Josephine Haxton, was honored during a reception, where she gave an impromptu lesson on writing.

Among featured activities at NLCC were, *Slingblade*, starring Billy Bob Thornton, followed by a discussion of the movie with him; a birthday party for former Gov. William Winter, director of proceedings since the NLCC began; premier of the Louisiana Public Broadcasting documentary, "Louisiana … A History;" and many more presentations, workshops, tours, musical events, and more.

Two noted lecturers, Jerry Ford and Charlie Bosworth, presented the Mississippi Chautauqua Writers Program. The program was sponsored in conjunction with the Mississippi Humanities Council and the NLCC. Ford depicted Natchez author Richard Wright, and Bosworth portrayed playwright Tennessee Williams. Co-Lin was one of only a small number of stops on the Chautauqua tour.

Also in February the Redd/Watkins Career and Technical Education Center celebrated National Career and Technical Education Week. The center hosted several dozen students from area schools for tours of the programs and meetings with advisors. Later in the semester, in April, the center conducted its annual Industry Appreciation Luncheon. Approximately *(continued on page 20)*

## Spring semester in review (continued from page 19 )

*(continued from page 19)* 180 local leaders attended the event. International Paper's Natchez Mill was honored for its many years of service to Co-Lin and its support of Co-Lin programs. Dr. Howell C. Garner, president, presented IP's Donnie Verucchi, director of training, a certificate honoring IP, which has announced it will close in June.

*Madrigal singers from Co-Lin and Natchez High School perform in front of the castle at the annual Renaissance Faire.*

At the luncheon, Bob Mullins, Nissan's training director, gave a video and audio presentation on how Nissan selects trainees and how the Canton company prepares its workers.

In March, *N-Sights* sponsored a contest to design a campus flag to help commemorate the 75th anniversary. Sophomore Jessica Ratliff won the contest and received a commemorative coin and other gifts.

Another annual tradition, the Colinwood Renaissance Faire, attracted about 200 students, staff and guests on a blustery April 9. The one-day fair capped off months of preparations by the English Department, which sponsors the event. Festivities included a maypole, jousters, fortune-tellers, drummers, smoked meats, wizards, maidens, singers, and much more. Local schools sent participants, some of whom dressed in Renaissance-era clothing.

One of the spring highlights is Awards Night, and this year's program was no different.

The 2003 Hall of Fame inductees are James Allen, an education major; Nila Green, a medical office technology major, and Matthew Willis, an engineering major. All three have been leaders of various clubs and organizations, have been selected for Who's Who Among Students in America's Junior Colleges, and have been students of the month.

Awards Night also included the dedication of the Natchez campus section of *Trillium* to Linda Royals Flynn, speech and Spanish instructor. Flynn has a long list of accomplishments as both an instructor and campus leader. She is a Co-Lin Natchez graduate and a Hall of Fame inductee.

## Hattiesburg Educational Center named after alumnus

The Harper-Wallin Family Education Center in Hattiesburg, Mississippi has been named in honor of Dr. Tressie Shaw Harper ('81), Co-Lin's Alumnus of the Year in 2001, and for Dr. Penny Wallin, both former assistant superintendents of schools in Hattiesburg.

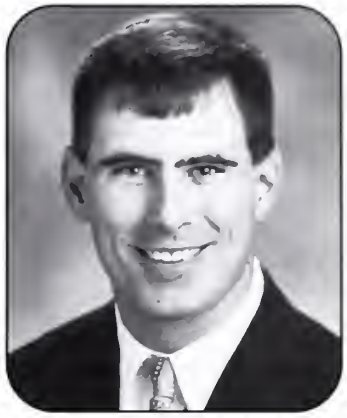
Dr. Harper is completing her second year as superintendent of schools in Moss Point. Drs. Harper and Wallin were instrumental in the establishment of the center. Dr. Harper and her husband, Richard, are parents of three grown sons.

## Natchez Campus endowed scholarship recipients

Recipients of 2003-2004 endowed schoarships on the Natchez Campus are Hannah Bullen, Annette West Donnan Memorial Scholarship; Christine Newman, Sherryn W. McDonald Memorial Scholarship; Tequila Scott, E. A. Redd Memorial Scholarship; Jacky Campbell, Maggie Ott and Brandy Bonsall, Thomas Waring "Buddy" Bennett Jr. Scholarship; Traci Hutchins, Dean Jones Gibson Memorial Scholarship; Dennis M. Levite, Dr. Joey H. Paul Memorial Scholarship; Jessica Paul, Gene and Susie Bates Scholarship; and Natalie Styles, Co-Lin Foundation Scholarship; and Courtney Glidden, F. Kenneth McCalip Memorial Scholarship.

# MSU, MDOT announce pilot education support effort

By Maridith Geuder, Mississippi State University



STARKVILLE, Miss.--The Mississippi Department of Transportation is selecting a Mississippi State civil engineering major as the first participant in a pilot educational program.

MSU senior Craig Prestwood of Hazlehurst will receive $10,000 toward his academic studies in an inaugural effort to recruit future professionals for the state agency. He also begins earning MDOT retirement credit and medical insurance. The new program is a collaborative effort among MDOT, MSU and its civil engineering department.

Prestwood will work with the MDOT materials division for two months next summer. In accepting the education support, he commits to work at the agency for at least two years after graduation. The Copiah Academy and Copiah-Lincoln Community College ('01) graduate is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Prestwood.

"This is a visionary program that will help MDOT recruit graduate engineers to fill specific staffing needs," said civil engineering department head Thomas D. White. "Salary and benefits make it one of the more attractive aid packages available."

White said candidates must be either a junior or senior and be enrolled or planning to enroll in the civil engineering bachelor's program at MSU. In a corresponding program, graduate students who qualify will receive a basic stipend of $12,000 annually, medical and retirement benefits and the possibility of an additional $3,000 for laboratory work.

Individuals currently employed with MDOT, other agencies or graduating from a civil engineering program sanctioned by the Accreditation Board for Engineering Technology may also apply.

Final selections are based on academic achievement, proven interest in the study of civil engineering and MDOT staffing needs.

Randy Battey, who heads MDOT's research division and was a member of the selection committee, said that the program will help fill a critical need in the state.

"We're confident the partnership with MSU will provide the department qualified engineers able to meet the transportation challenges of the 21st century," Battey said.

## Tracking the Classes

**Graham R. Hodges** ('35) of Liverpool, New York, will receive an award for Excellence in Pastoral Ministry on June 7 in Binghamton, N.Y. The award will be presented by the New York Conference United Church of Christ. Hodges is a retired United Church of Christ minister. He is a resident of Greenpoint Senior Residence where he enjoys volunteering with the activities staff in conducting "fun" programs for the residents. He is the author of 19 books.

**Thelma Sellers Worsey** ('36) is living in Boone, North Carolina with her son and his wife. She had been a real estate broker and specialized in selling waterfront homes on Miami Beach since 1953.

**Mary L. Batton Williams** ('41) and husband Charles celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary this year. While looking through the January 2003 Colinian, she noticed her picture in the 1939-1940 Glee Club picture. She was also a member of the quartet.

**Ramona McCann** ('63) was recently promoted to vice-president at Trustmark in Hazlehurst. She is a 1987 graduate of the Mississippi School of Banking. She is married to Robert C. McCann, Jr. They have two children and two grandchildren.

**Gladys Blakeney** ('63), a native of Crystal Springs, began her banking career 21 years ago at Trustmark National Bank. Blakeney is a member of the American Institute of Banking, the Simpson County Business Women Association and is past treasurer of the Simpson County Heart Association. Gladys is an active member of New Bethlehem Baptist Church in Magee where she serves as organist, youth leader and Sunday school teacher. Gladys is married to Ted Blakeney and they have four children.

**Bradley Smith** ('69) of Wesson has been promoted to executive vice president at Trustmark Bank in Brookhaven. He is a commercial lender with over 21 years of experience in the financial industry. Smith, a native of Brookhaven, received his bachelor's degree in education from Delta State University and his master's degree in educational administration from the University of Southern Mississippi. Smith is a 1988 graduate of the Graduate School of Banking at *(continued on page 22)*

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Louisiana State University and a 1983 graduate of the Mississippi School of Banking. Smith is married to the former Nena Jennings and they have two children.

**Carlton D. Campbell** ('72) is currently the Career Center Director at Campbell County High School in Gillette, Wyoming.

**James A. Wilkinson** ('74) has been working as a medical laboratory professional at Natchez Community Hospital since receiving his MLT degree.

**Gloria Ann Meyers** ('75) is employed as a pilot with American Airlines based out of Miami, Florida. She flies the Boeing 757/767 aircraft in the 50 domestic states and Canada.

**Bill Greenwich** ('75) is living outside Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He has been working in the environmental consulting field for the past 20 years.

**Betty LaVerne Baker Kelly** ('75) has been teaching spanish, history, English, and journalism for a total of 25 and a half years in Mississippi and Louisiana. She married Joseph Kelly in 1998. Mr. Kelly recently died just shy of completing his master's degree in psychology and counseling/marriage & family therapy at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Sammy West** ('75) a member of the back-to-back state basketball championships in 1974 and 1975, was named head basketball coach at Alcorn State University. West previously served as assistant head coach at Alcorn and at Delta State University, after having been a successful high school coach at Natchez and Northwest Rankin. West is a member of Co-Lin's Athletic Hall of Fame.

**David Louis Fore** ('76) is teaching Aviation Electronics & Instrumentation at Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics.

**Lois L. Frazier** ('77) is a registered nurse and clinical software trainer working for a computer software company in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**Lynda Kaye Collins Clark** ('78) received her B.A. from Jackson State University in 1980, then attended Ohio State University for postgraduate studies. She presently resides in Suisun City, California. She and her husband have been married for 23 years and are the parents of three children ages 21, 17, and 10. She works for an investment services firm in the Bay Area as a client service specialist.

**Michelle Reed Adcox** ('82) has been promoted to assistant vice president at Trustmark National Bank in Magee. Michelle, who has been with Trustmark since August of 1982, earned the American Institute of Banking Certificate and has completed a series of lender eourses through the Robert Morris Association, of which she is a member. An active member of Rose Hill Baptist Church of Mize. Michelle and her husband Steve are the proud parents of three children.

**Mary Catherine Meadows Allen** ('89) is living in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. She has worked at the University of Southern Mississippi Speech and Hearing Sciences for the past eight years and was promoted to office supervisor. She is working on a degree in journalism/public relations.

**Scott Mullenix** ('90) received his B.A. in criminal justice from the University of Alabama and his master's degree from the University of North Florida in Jacksonville. While at Alabama, he was a member of the Crimson Tide football team from 1991 to 1993 playing in three bowl games Blockbuster Bowl, Sugar Bowl, and Gator Bowl winning the National Championship in 1992. Scott partnered with a retired New York City Police Sergeant in 1996 forming Mulholland Consulting. During the past seven years, he has obtained a second master's degree in business administration, is currently working on a doctorate in criminal justice. He is currently contracted as a Security Consultant for U.S. Airports and Seaports.

**Dawn Rochelle Bardwell Greer** ('90) is now teaching Business and Computer Technology at Lawrence County Technology & Career Center.

**Jeffrey Earl Mullen** ('90) is living in Atlanta, Georgia and presently attends Clayton College and State University where he plans on graduating next summer with a degree in business administration. After graduation from Clayton he plans to attend Georgia State University and pursue his master's degree.

**Alicia Nicole Zimmerman Jones** ('92), married Steven Jones in 1996. They live in Oldenburg, Mississippi and have two boys, Joseph, 7, and Justin, 4. Alicia graduated from Alcorn State University in Lorman in 2003 with a B. S. in social work. She is a member of the Mississippi Eta Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu – Social Club and the Social Work/Sociology Club.

**Clancie Harrison Daley** ('95) is teaching at Topeka Tilton Attendance Center in Monticello, Mississippi. She is married to Lance Daley, they have one child, Gage Harrison and are expecting another child in August.

**Clay Smith** ('95) joined the athletic department at Belhaven College in Jackson, Mississippi in fall of 2003. He was a two-year baseball letterman at Co-Lin. Smith received his bachelor's degree in biology and his master's degree in sports administration from the University of Southern Mississippi. He was a volunteer assistant coach for three seasons under Eagles Head Coach Corky Palmer.

**Rudy A. Sandel** ('98) is a environmental engineer living in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

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**Bonnie Lynn Warren Macdonald** ('99) graduated from Mississippi State University in the summer of 2002. She is and interior designer for Albert & Associates Architects in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

**Joan Amanda Easterling** ('00) is in the undergraduate psychology program at the University of Southern Mississippi and will receive a B.S. in psychology in August.

**Roshaunda Cameron** ('01) is employed with Mississippi Action For Progress in Jackson.

**Michael S. Millis** ('02) is attending school at the University of West Alabama and should complete his degree in May of 2004.

**Vicki Sartin** ('02) is currently attending Alcorn State University. Sartin is going into her second year with a major in pre-nursing.

**Rechancia Lynnea Thomas** ('02) is continuing her education at the University of Mississippi in Oxford studying music education with a vocal emphasis.

## Marriages

**Robin Brown Penn, Jr.** ('93) and Christi Danell Jones were married on March 22, 2003 at Sandal Royal Bahamian Resort and Spa in Nassau, Bahamas. Penn received a B.S. in sports medicine and is currently employed as a orthopedic sales specialist with Howmedica Osteonics in Biloxi. Christi is currently a pharmaceutical sales professional with Sanofi Synthelabo Pharmaceuticals in Biloxi.

**Bryant Spencer Bowman** ('95) and Joy Bishop Cothern were married February 22, 2003. He is co-owner of Diversified Controls, Inc. in Wesson.

**James Ray Kelly** ('95) married Heather Smith of Marietta, Georgia. The have two children John and Shayanne.

**Albert Leon White** ('95) and Charlie D. Neeley were married May 24, 2003. Albert is currently employed as a civil engineer with the Mississippi Department of Transportation. She is currently the public relations coordinator for The Mississippi Bar.

**Christopher Kevin Smith** ('96) of Brookhaven married Vicki Jo Catt of Jayess on March 16, 2003. He graduated from Co-Lin with a degree in Electronics and is currently employed with Entergy in Vicksburg. Vicki is employed with Mary's Barber Shop in Brookhaven.

**Amanda B. Hart** ('97) married Dr. Ryan C. Case on February 18, 2003 in Runaway Bay, Jamaica. Amanda is employed with the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality in Jackson. Dr. Case is a partner at Animal Medical Center in Brookhaven.

**Kristen Elizabeth Hall** ('02) and Raymond Allen Maples, both of Natchez, were married on January 25, 2003.

**Todd D. Hall** ('99) of Brookhaven and Jennifer L. Hudson, of Crystal Springs were married on May 10, 2003. Todd is employed with CNIC Railroad and Jennifer is employed at Expetal Communications.

**Terry W. Case** ('00) and Shanda L. Williams were married on April 5, 2003. Terry and Shanda are currently employed with Southern Services.

**William David Ervin** ('00) and Shellie Lynn Wilson were married on February 28, 2003. Shellie is currently attending Co-Lin. William is employed with Excel Construction in Walker, Louisiana.

**Jennifer Suzanne Johns** ('00) of Hazlehurst and Adam Tye Ferguson were married on May 31, 2003. Jennifer is employed with Lincoln County Schools.

**Richard J. Johnson** ('01) and **Lindsay E. Altman** ('03) were married May 31, 2003. Lindsay has applied to the two-year nursing program at Co-Lin and Richard is currently co-owner of Johnson's Fencing in Bogue Chitto.

**William L. Grice** ('02) and April Marie Myers were married on March 29, 2003. William received his certificate in heating and cooling and is currently employed with Southern Air Conditioning and Sheet Metal in Brookhaven.

**Christiana Lynn Nuckles** ('02) of New Hebron married **William Matthew Sandifer** ('02) of Brookhaven April 12, 2003. Christiana received her Associate of Arts degree in Radiologic Technology. She is employed at King's Daughters Medical Center. Matt received his Associate of Arts degree in electronics and is employed at the Mississippi Juvenile Rehabilitation Center in Brookhaven.

**Amy Bradley** ('03) and Reese Patten both of Bogue Chitto, were married May 24, 2003. Amy is employed at Johnson Grove Day Care and Reese is a pole drive foreman for Coastal Bridge Contractors.

## Deaths

**James Decell Gerald, Jr.** ('35), 88, prominent farmer and businessman, who lived in Leland, died December 1, 2002.

**Jamie Harris Bowering** ('37), 85, of Harrisville died February 3, 2003. She is a member of Co-Lin's Athletic Hall of Fame.

**James Leslie Reeves, Sr.** ('47), 75, died April 15, 2003. He was a former member of the Co-Lin faculty, having taught music for four years in the early 50's.

**Julian Stennis** ('48), died December 11, 2002.

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**Dorothy "Dot" Butler McLellan** ('49), 73, of Jackson, died December 9, 2002. She taught elementary school for 40 years.

**Jean Street** ('54), 69, of Clinton died April 21, 2003. She was a retired librarian and was selected as Alumnus of the year at Co-Lin in 1992.

**Dick Canoy** ('56), 67, of Brandon died on February 3, 2003. A native of Magee, he was a former educator and businessman.

**Kelly K. Lusk, Jr.** ('53), 69, of Hazlehurst died January 20, 2003 in McComb. Mr. Lusk was a member of First Baptist Church Hazlehurst. He was an avid golfer and member of Rolling Hills Country Club. He was a Navy veteran.

**Frank Joel Lowe** ('63), of Brandon died January 16, 2003. Lowe was a Farm Loan Program Specialist in the FSA State Office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and retired on January 3, 2003 with over 37 years of dedicated federal service.

**Bobby James McNamee** ('68), 56, of Bogue Chitto died January 31, 2003. He was a retired draftsman.

**Mark Stephen Carlson** ('78), 45, of Ridgeland, died March 3, 2003. He was an assistant manager in the restaurant business.

**Joel Munson Smith** died January 10, 2003.

**Day Wright Pipper** ('84), 38, of Clinton died on October 2, 2002 at Central Mississippi Medical Center. She was a assistant analyst with Entergy.

## Attention Co-Lin Alumni and Friends:

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## Special Introductory Offer

Memorial Bricks - $100.00 each until the supply is depleted (approximately 500 bricks). Bricks will be placed in the wall of the foyer of the Instructional Technology Building. Net proceeds from brick sales will support the FY2003-04 Annual Fund for Co-Lin. The Annual Fund supports scholarships, faculty enhancements, and priority needs of the college.

Each brick can hold two lines of characters, with a limit of 14 characters per line. Spaces between letters count as one character. All inscriptions are in capital letters. When ordering your own brick, consider ordering additional bricks for classmates, friends, and family.

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# 75th Anniversary Schedule of Events

**Thursday, June 5**
2:30 p.m. . . . . .Reception for All Former Board of Trustees, The Thames Center

**Wednesday, September 3** . . . . . .Spirit Day-Natchez Campus

**Friday, September 12** . . . . . .Staff/Alumni Dinner - Natchez Campus

**Tuesday, October 7**
6:00 p.m. . . . . .Reception for All Former Most Beautiful Winners, TBA

7:00 p.m. . . . . .Trillium Beauty Pageant, Rea Auditorium

**Wednesday, October 8, History Day**
9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m . . . . . .Premiere of 75th Anniversary Video by Mike McIntyre, The Thames Center

2:00 p.m. . . . . .Reception for All Retired/Former Co-Lin Employees and Recognition of All Former Outstanding Instructor and Staff Members, The Thames Center

**Wednesday, October 8** . . . . . .Homecoming Court Honor Day - Natchez Campus

**Friday, October 10**
12 noon . . . . . .Men's Homecoming Golf Tournament, Wolf Hollow Golf Club

7:00 p.m. . . . . .Banquet Honoring All Former Members of the Co-Lin Athletic Hall of Fame, 854th Medical Collecting Company and Distinguished Alumni Leaders, The Thames Center

**Saturday, October 11, Homecoming Day**
8:30 a.m. . . . . .Registration and Refreshments, Anderson Building

9:00 a.m. . . . . .Breakfast Honoring All Former Alumni of the Year, Co-Lin Foundation Hall of Fame, Induction of 2003 Hall of Fame, The Thames Center

10:30 a.m. . . . . .Athletic Reunion for All Former Players and Coaches, Mullen Gymnasium

10:30 a.m. . . . . .Reunions, Various Locations
11:30 a.m. . . . . .Tailgate Party with Live Entertainment and Activities for the Kids, Stone Stadium Parking Lot/Charlie Ward Practice Field

11:30 a.m. . . . . .Buffet Lunch, The Thames Center Wolf Hall

12:00 noon . . . . . .75th Anniversary Video by Mike McIntyre, The Thames Center Wolf Hall

2:00 p.m. . . . . .Presentation of the 2003 Homecoming Court, H. L. Stone Stadium

2:30 p.m. . . . . .Football Game Co-Lin Wolves vs. Hinds Eagles, H. L. Stone Stadium

**Wednesday, December 3** . . . . . .Sojourners' performance-Natchez Campus


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